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"Prospecting in the North." By HORACE V. WINCHELL. The Mining Magazine, Vol. III, No. 6, p. 436. December, 1910.

The writer compares the sulphide ore deposits of the western part of the United States and Mexico with those of British Columbia and Alaska and notes the differences in the operations of the processes of superficial alteration and secondary enrichment in the different latitudes. In the more northern deposits the metals have not migrated in cold solutions so extensively, because the colder climatic conditions are less favorable. Further, the secondary ores, where found, have generally been planed off by ice erosion.

Since glacial times, at some places, a kind of secondary sulphide enrichment has taken place at the very surface, but generally this amounts to little more than a veneer or varnish on the lower-grade material. His conclusions, applied to deposits of sulphide ores of copper, silver, lead, and to some extent, of gold, are: "(1) Boreal regions seldom contain rich and extensive deposits of secondary ore. (2) The surface appearance is often deceptive, and if the ore is high grade, sudden decrease in value may be expected at limited depth. (3) Where large deposits of primary ore are found in glaciated regions, these are likely to extend downward." In the temperate zone, "(1) Deep superficial alteration and complete oxidation of vein-matter is a common phenomenon in warm countries and is indicative of good ore below; (2) In general, ore deposits are more abundant in the warm and temperate zones; and (3) They are not so likely to terminate suddenly or change rapidly in depth."

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Geological and Archaeological Notes on Orangia. By J. P. Johnson. London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1910. Pp. 99.

This volume contains chapters on Stratigraphy, Kimberlite Dikes and Pipes, Diamond Mines, and Superficial Deposits and Pans.

Almost the whole surface is made up of nearly horizontal beds belonging to the Karoo System, with comparatively small outcrops of older formations along the Vaal River. In the area best exposed these older beds dip away from a central core of granite and are overlain unconformably by the Karoo.

The lowest of the Karoo beds is the Dwyka series, which is described as a band of bowlder shale. The underlying rocks wherever exposed are polished and present the characteristic contours of a glaciated country.